



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Charging and Remissions Policy

As a Catholic school our Christian ethos will always be reflected in the form of assistance given to families and no child will be deprived of opportunities as a result of financial hardships. This policy ensures that, during the school day, all children have full and free access to a broad and balanced curriculum. The policy is based upon current law and statutory regulations.

### **Aims**

- To maintain the right to free school education
- Enable all pupils to take full advantage of the activities provided by the school

### **During the School Day**

All activities that are a necessary part of the National Curriculum and Religious Education will be provided free of charge. This includes any materials or equipment.

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. No pupil will be prevented from participating because his/her parents cannot or will not make a contribution. Children of parents who do not make a contribution will not be treated any differently. An activity may be cancelled if not enough voluntary contributions are collected.

### **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for the children in Y3. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum, therefore we make no charge for this activity. Parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of transport to the swimming pool.

### **Music Tuition**

All children study music as part of the National Curriculum and no charge is made. However, this excludes charges made for teaching individual pupils or small groups to play a musical instrument.

### **Optional activities outside the school day**

There will be a charge for optional extra activities provided outside the school day – Breakfast Club and After-School Club.

### **Residential Visits**

During such visits, charges will be made for board and lodging, except for pupils whose parents are in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Job Seekers Allowance, Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit and the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

### **Calculating Charges**

Charges will not exceed the actual cost of providing the optional extra activity divided by the number of pupils willing to participate. Charges will not include an element of subsidy for pupils whose parents will not pay.